

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES PĀNUI/NOTICE

Kia ora e te whānau, and a special shout out to all our māmās, and those who play that important mother role for our tamariki.

The #TeamLynmore Board met on Monday night and we wanted to update you on some of the things going on around our kura/school. Firstly, on the property front. With a big school like ours, there is a lot of regular maintenance. On top of that we have some building projects, some started and some on the horizon. The first, one you'll be seeing every day when you drop off your children/tamariki, is the fencing project. With a big site and many custom gates required, it's a big job so delays are to be expected. But once it's completed it will make our school a much safer space. It does also provide an opportunity to think about our roadside presence and how to celebrate our space and what identifies us as a primary school in Aotearoa. So rest assured, if you were privately thinking the gates looked a bit prison-like, we're with you. Safety first, aesthetics later!

With some of our older buildings, leaks are becoming an issue. Which is why we have approved and hope to soon start some remedial work on the administration block. The leaks in the roof need some urgent repairs so that the face of our school/kura and the amazing people that work there can be safe and healthy. Speaking of leaks, our gym roof has been an ongoing issue. The repair work is challenging, made more so for us as we share ownership with the Ministry of Education, so any work needs to have agreement from them and requires a large investment from us. Luckily money has been saved over the last few years, started by the previous Board who wisely knew this issue was going to be expensive. We have pledged \$542,000 as our contribution to the remedial work, with the Ministry paying the rest. This job has now gone out to tender. We understand this is a lot of money, and we'd rather spend it on other areas around the school. Unfortunately if we don't make the repairs soon we may end up losing this vital learning space. After the tender process is completed we'll share with you what it will all mean and how the space will be enhanced as part of the remediation. As always, we welcome feedback and support from anyone in our community who has expertise in these areas.

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We are also working on getting grants for some shade sails to protect our tamariki playing outside in the summer months. We've been successful in a number of bids and still have some we haven't heard back from. We're hoping to be able to afford plan A, which is a number of sails across the school/kura. Once we have the funds secured we can share some of the exciting plans that Hinei and the SLT have designed and order them in time for term 4. Thanks always to Kerrie for her amazing mahi/work behind the scenes with all the paperwork needed to apply for these grants.

Lastly on property, you'll see that although there are parts of the school under fencing construction, the play spaces and gardens are looking amazing. The pool is also continuing to be well maintained, clean and warm. Our school would not be the same safe inviting space without the efforts of our caretaker team Heke and Tony, ngā mihi korua, thank you both for your efforts.

This month we also discussed the exciting opportunities for both Hinei and Lynmore School that have come out of her trip to China. This opportunity came about because Hinei has built some great relationships with other Principals. We are so happy she will be able to showcase her leadership skills and enhance international relationships. It also means an amazing cultural experience for our children/tamariki and some much needed funds for our school. We wish her all the best for her whirlwind trip. Haere tū, hoki tū, travel safe and return to good health!

This month we had some amazing reports from our staff about what's going on in and outside the classrooms/akomanga. We were so happy to hear all the positive experiences from the noho marae visits. These opportunities to connect with our local hapū, Te Roro o Te Rangī, and for our children/tamariki to experience tikanga/Māori customs, are so important and link back to our strategic goals for our school/kura. Thank you to all our amazing kaiako/teachers and kaiawhina/ support staff as well as our incredible Senior Leadership Team, especially Lisa Hohepa, for all the mahi/work that went into that incredible week.

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Another awesome report covered was on Literacy across the school. One of our Board objectives is making sure all our tamariki achieve their highest possible education standard. We know an hour of reading, writing and maths is a buzz topic for our new government, but it's something our staff have already been really great at. These reports help us to support the work around the school and give us depth when assessing the student achievement reports that we look at twice a year. Did you know that our kaiako/teachers are using a number of tools to support literacy development across all ages? We have specialised staff to support authorship, reading recovery, English language learners and structured literacy. A big shout out to Verity, Sian, Wendy, Stacey and Sarah who are doing an amazing job to support our children/tamariki at all levels. Our staff know they need a number of tools in their kete/kit and need to be flexible to address the needs of the child/tamaiti in front of them. We will continue to support our staff with ongoing training in the areas that are proven to assist literacy success with our children/tamariki.

Our next hui/meeting is on the 17th of June at 6pm in the SLT office. As always, you are welcome to attend, please just notify Kerrie at [admin@lynmore.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynmore.school.nz). All our minutes are located in Kerrie's office and you are welcome to contact us via email [bot@lynmore.school.nz](mailto:bot@lynmore.school.nz) or anonymously via the box in the office.

Have a safe and happy month.

**The #Team Lynmore Board**

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